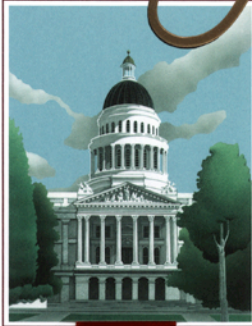


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## R E S O L U T I O N

By the Honorable Loni Hancock, 14th Assembly District; and  
the Honorable Doug La Malfa, 2nd Assembly District; Relative to commending the

### California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

**Whereas**, On March 18, 1905, the California State Legislature approved the establishment of a Board of Forestry and the creation of the position of State Forester, and Edward Tyson Allan was named first State Forester; and

**Whereas**, In 1917, the first state nursery was established in Davis with a goal to provide seeds and seedlings from throughout California for reforestation and watershed protection; and

**Whereas**, In 1927, the Department of Natural Resources created the Division of Forestry; and

**Whereas**, In 1928, the State Division of Forestry acquired its first fire truck, a 1928 Moreland; and

**Whereas**, On September 1, 1931, the state suffered its first fire fatalities in the Division of Forestry as three firefighters died in the Coffee Mill Fire; and

**Whereas**, In 1946, the Division of Forestry established the first Conservation Camp to utilize inmates trained to fight fires in California; and

**Whereas**, In 1954, the State Division of Forestry tested the first air tankers on wildland fires using World War II trainers converted to spray planes; and

**Whereas**, In 1958, the State Division of Forestry first contracted for air tanker service with private aviation companies; and

**Whereas**, In 1961, the State Division of Forestry was moved into the newly-created Department of Conservation which fell under the newly-established Resources Agency; and

**Whereas**, In 1973, the Forest Practices Act was enacted giving the Division of Forestry the authority to regulate timber harvests on timberland; and

**Whereas**, In 1973, the first two Division of Forestry S2 Airtanker prototypes were placed into service; and

**Whereas**, In 1977, the Department of Forestry was created within the Resources Agency; and

**Whereas**, In 1987, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection was created in the Resources Agency; and

**Whereas**, Today, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection protects the state's forests with 3,800 full-time fire professionals, foresters, and administration employees, 1,400 seasonal firefighters, 5,600 local government volunteer fighters, 2,600 Volunteers in Prevention, and 4,300 inmates comprising 199 fire crews; and

**Whereas**, The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection operates over 1,095 fire engines, 215 rescue squads, 63 paramedic units, 12 HazMat units, 38 aerial ladder trucks, 58 bulldozers, and 5 mobile communication units; and


**Whereas**, Currently, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's air program includes 20 Grumman S-2T 1,200 gallon airtankers, 3 Grumman S-2A 800 gallon airtankers, 9 UH-1H Super Huey helicopters, and 13 OV-10A air attack aircraft, and from 13 air attack and 9 helitack bases located statewide, these aircraft are able to reach most fires within 20 minutes; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by Assembly Members Loni Hancock and Doug La Malfa**, That they recognize and congratulate the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and its employees, past and present, on 100 years of service protecting our state's natural resources.

Members Resolution No. 877

Dated this 29th day of March, 2005

  
Honorable Loni Hancock  
14th Assembly District

  
Honorable Doug La Malfa  
2nd Assembly District

